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1. EC COMMISSION ACTING CHIEF OF SOUTHERN AFRICAN AFFAIRS, JOHN SCOTT, TELLS US THAT PRESIDENT KHAMA OF BOTSWANA HAS SUGGESTED THAT THE EC SET ASIDE 20-30 MILLION UNITS OF ACCOUNT (\$22-33 MILLION) OF FUTURE EUROPEAN DEVELOPMENT FUND REGIONAL AID FOR PROJECTS WHICH WOULD ASSIST ZIMBABWE. SCOTT SAYS THAT TWO OTHER FRONT-LINE COUNTRIES, LESOTHO AND SWAZILAND, SUPPORT THIS PROPOSAL. THESE PROJECTS WOULD BE IMPLEMENTED ONLY AFTER A DECISION HAD BEEN TAKEN ON BLACK MAJORITY RULE.

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2. THE EC PLANS TO ANNOUNCE SHORTLY ITS FIRST TRANCHE OF REGIONAL PROJECTS. SCOTT SAYS THERE WILL BE NO REGIONAL PROJECTS IN THIS TRANCHE TO HELP ZIMBABWE, BUT THE COMMISSION IS NOW CONSIDERING INCLUDING SOME SUCH PROJECTS FOR THE SECOND TRANCHE. THESE WOULD BE PRIMARILY ROAD AND TELECOMMUNICATION PROJECTS TO IMPROVE LINKS BETWEEN

SEVERAL FRONT-LINE STATES AND ZIMBABWE.

3. SCOTT REPORTS THAT SOUTH AFRICA HAS REACTED NEGATIVELY TO THE EC'S DECISION TO PROVIDE \$1.1 MILLION AND FOOD AID AS EMERGENCY ASSISTANCE TO LESOTHO. THIS AID IS TO HELP ALLEVIATE LESOTHO'S BORDER PROBLEMS WITH TRANSKEI (SEE REF B). SCOTT SAID THIS REACTION WILL NOT DETER THE COMMUNITY. IN FACT, SHOULD BOTSWANA HAVE SIMILAR DIFFICULTIES WITH SOUTH AFRICA, THE EC IS PREPARED TO PROVIDE IT EMERGENCY AID ALSO.HINTON

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